



## Division of Public and Behavioral Health

# Technical Bulletin



Topic: Permanent Regulations Approved for Overdose Reporting  
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To: Nevada Healthcare Facilities, Physicians, Nurses, Veterinarians, and Physician Assistants

The permanent regulations aimed at curbing opioid abuse in Nevada took effect on **May 16, 2018**, when the Division of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH) filed the regulations with the Secretary of State to comply with Assembly Bill 474 (aka the Controlled Substance Abuse Prevention Act). The regulations provide the structure to reporting of overdose or suspected overdose cases to assist with the comprehensive response needed to save Nevadans' lives.

Since January, emergency regulations have been in place, but the permanent regulations differ in a few places, so healthcare providers are encouraged to review the permanent regulations at [http://dpbh.nv.gov/Resources/opioids/Prescription\\_Drug\\_Abuse\\_Prevention/](http://dpbh.nv.gov/Resources/opioids/Prescription_Drug_Abuse_Prevention/) and also attached to this bulletin.

Changes from the emergency regulations include:

- Definitions used within the regulation, most importantly, the inclusion of category V drugs and additional specificity on the definition of overdose.
- Changes to the mandatory and optional information in each report. This includes allowing toxicology, social security number, and pregnancy status to be optional. Occupation and gender of the patient has been removed.

If you are interested in establishing electronic reporting, please contact Julia Peek at [jpeek@health.nv.gov](mailto:jpeek@health.nv.gov).

To access the regulations, reporting form and FAQs on reporting,  
please visit the DPBH website at:

[prescribe365.nv.gov](http://prescribe365.nv.gov) or  
[http://dpbh.nv.gov/Resources/opioids/Prescription\\_Drug\\_Abuse\\_Prevention/](http://dpbh.nv.gov/Resources/opioids/Prescription_Drug_Abuse_Prevention/)

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